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Coast Guard  
Authorization  
Act of 1991.  
Maritime  
affairs.

To authorize for fiscal year 1992 the United States Coast Guard Budget.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1991".

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Funds are authorized to be appropriated for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard for Fiscal Year 1992, as follows:

(a) For the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard, \$2,570,000,000, of which \$500,000 shall be used to implement the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-646), and \$35,000,000 shall be expended from the Boat Safety Account.

(b)(1) For the acquisition, construction, rebuilding and improvement of aids to navigation, shore and offshore facilities, vessels, sonar simulators, and aircraft, including equipment related thereto, \$466,000,000, of which \$29,000,000 shall be used to acquire a command and control aircraft, to remain available until expended.

(2) Funds authorized to be appropriated for the construction of a new seagoing buoy tender (WLB) may not be expended for the acquisition of oil recovery systems unless those systems are manufactured in the United States and only pursuant to competitive bidding based on performance specification and cost.

(3)(A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may submit a request for reprogramming of funds to purchase, lease, or lease with option to purchase a replacement command and control aircraft for the Coast Guard during fiscal year 1992. The request shall be in accordance with the existing procedures for congressional review of appropriations reprogramming requests. Subject to those reprogramming procedures—

(i) the Coast Guard may enter into a multiyear lease agreement for a replacement aircraft and may utilize operating expenses for a multiyear lease but not for the purchase of aircraft; and

(ii) funds may be reprogrammed, pursuant to the request, from any subaccount of the acquisition, construction, and improvements appropriation.

(B) The Coast Guard may transfer the current command and control aircraft to the vendor of a replacement aircraft in exchange for an equitable reduction in the cash price of an aircraft to be acquired, or in lieu of exchange, the current aircraft may be sold and the proceeds applied toward a purchase, lease, or lease with option to purchase.

(4) Before October 1, 1992, the Secretary of Transportation shall use funds as may be necessary, not more than \$14,000,000, to begin and actively pursue the renovation project to extend the useful life of the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw at least an additional 15 years.

(c) For research, development, test, and evaluation, \$29,150,000, to remain available until expended.

(d) For retired pay (including the payment of obligations otherwise chargeable to lapsed appropriations for this purpose), payments under the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection and Survivor Benefit Plans, and payments for medical care of retired personnel and their dependents under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, \$487,700,000, to remain available until expended.

(e) For alteration or removal of bridges over navigable waters of the United States constituting obstructions to navigation, and for personnel and administrative costs associated with the Bridge Alteration Program, \$11,100,000, to remain available until expended.

(f) For environmental compliance and restoration at Coast Guard facilities, \$25,100,000, to remain available until expended.

(g) Of the amounts authorized for Coast Guard operations and maintenance and acquisition, construction and improvement, the following amounts shall be derived from transfer from the Oil Spill Liability Fund for implementation of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380; 104 Stat. 484):

(1) \$25,000,000 for operating expenses; and

(2) \$30,000,000 to establish the National Response System under section 311(j) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)), including the purchase and prepositioning of oil spill removal equipment.

(h) Of the amounts authorized for Coast Guard operations and maintenance, not more than \$1,900,000 shall be used for annual obligations of membership in the International Maritime Organization for calendar year 1992, notwithstanding section 2 of the Act of September 21, 1950 (22 U.S.C. 262a).

### SEC. 3. AUTHORIZED LEVELS OF MILITARY STRENGTH AND MILITARY TRAINING FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992.

(a) As of September 30, 1992, the Coast Guard is authorized an end-of-year strength for active duty personnel of 39,559. The authorized strength does not include members of the Ready Reserve called to active duty under section 712 of title 14, United States Code.

(b) For fiscal year 1992, the Coast Guard is authorized average military training student loads as follows:

(1) For recruit and special training, 2,653 student years.

(2) For flight training, 110 student years.

(3) For professional training in military and civilian institutions, 362 student years.

(4) For officer acquisition, 878 student years.

### SEC. 4. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY FROM THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY UPON THE TRANSFER OF THE COAST GUARD TO THE NAVY.

Not later than ninety days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to Congress a report on the functions, powers, and duties vested in the Secretary of Transportation and exercised through delegation to the Commandant of the Coast Guard that would be transferred to the Secretary of the Navy

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when the Coast Guard operates as a service in the Navy under section 3 of title 14, United States Code.

#### SEC. 5. RETIREMENT OF REAR ADMIRALS.

(a) Section 290 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e) by striking “June 30 of” and substituting “July 1 of the promotion year immediately following”; and

(2) by striking subsections (f) and (g) and substituting the following new subsections:

“(f)(1) Unless retired under another provision of law, each officer who is continued on active duty under this section shall, except as provided in paragraph (2), be retired on July 1 of the promotion year immediately following the promotion year in which that officer completes seven years of combined service in the grades of rear admiral (lower half) and rear admiral, unless that officer is selected for or serving in the grade of admiral or vice admiral or the position of Chief of Staff or Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy.

“(2) The Commandant, with the approval of the Secretary, may by annual action retain on active duty from promotion year to promotion year any officer who would otherwise be retired under paragraph (1). Unless selected for or serving in the grade of admiral or vice admiral or the position of Chief of Staff or Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy, or retired under another provision of law, an officer so retained shall be retired on July 1 of the promotion year immediately following the promotion year in which no action is taken to further retain that officer under this paragraph.

“(g)(1) Unless retired under another provision of law, an officer subject to this section shall, except as provided in paragraph (2), be retired on July 1 of the promotion year immediately following the promotion year in which that officer completes a total of thirty-six years of active commissioned service unless selected for or serving in the grade of admiral.

“(2) The Commandant, with the approval of the Secretary, may by annual action retain on active duty from promotion year to promotion year any officer who would otherwise be retired under paragraph (1). Unless selected for or serving in the grade of admiral or retired under another provision of law, an officer so retained shall be retired on July 1 of the promotion year immediately following the promotion year in which no action is taken to further retain that officer under this paragraph.”.

(b)(1) Section 290(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “he” and substituting “that officer”.

(2) Section 290(d) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “his” each place it appears.

#### SEC. 6. ENLISTED PERSONNEL BOARDS.

(a) Section 357 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Enlisted Personnel Boards shall be convened as the Commandant may prescribe to review the records of enlisted members who have twenty or more years of active military service.

“(b) Enlisted members who have twenty or more years of active military service may be considered by the Commandant for involuntary retirement and may be retired on recommendation of a Board—

“(1) because the member’s performance is below the standards the Commandant prescribes; or

- “(2) because of professional dereliction.
- “(c) An enlisted member under review by the Board shall be—
- “(1) notified in writing of the reasons the member is being considered for involuntary retirement;
- “(2) allowed sixty days from the date on which counsel is provided under paragraph (3) to submit any matters in rebuttal;
- “(3) provided counsel, certified under section 827(b) of title 10, to help prepare the rebuttal submitted under paragraph (2) and to represent the member before the Board under paragraph (5);
- “(4) allowed full access to and be furnished with copies of records relevant to the consideration for involuntary retirement prior to submission of the rebuttal submitted under paragraph (2); and
- “(5) allowed to appear before the Board and present witnesses or other documentation related to the review.
- “(d) A Board convened under this section shall consist of at least three commissioned officers, at least one of whom shall be of the grade of commander or above.
- “(e) A Board convened under this section shall recommend to the Commandant enlisted members who—
- “(1) have twenty or more years of active service;
- “(2) have been considered for involuntary retirement; and
- “(3) it determines should be involuntarily retired.
- “(f) After the Board makes its determination, each enlisted member the Commandant considers for involuntary retirement shall be—
- “(1) notified by certified mail of the reasons the member is being considered for involuntary retirement;
- “(2) allowed sixty days from the date counsel is provided under paragraph (3) to submit any matters in rebuttal;
- “(3) provided counsel, certified under section 827(b) of title 10, to help prepare the rebuttal submitted under paragraph (2); and
- “(4) allowed full access to and be furnished with copies of records relevant to the consideration for involuntary retirement prior to submission of the rebuttal submitted under paragraph (2).
- “(g) If the Commandant approves the Board’s recommendation, the enlisted member shall be notified of the Commandant’s decision and shall be retired from the service within ninety days of the notification.
- “(h) An enlisted member, who has completed twenty years of service and who the Commandant has involuntarily retired under this section, shall receive retired pay.
- “(i) An enlisted member voluntarily or involuntarily retired after twenty years of service who was cited for extraordinary heroism in the line of duty shall be entitled to an increase in retired pay. The retired pay shall be increased by 10 percent of—
- “(1) the active-duty pay and permanent additions thereto of the grade or rating with which retired when the member’s retired pay is computed under section 423(a) of this title; or
- “(2) the member’s retired pay base under section 1407 of title 10, when a member’s retired pay is computed under section 423(b) of this title.
- “(j) When the Secretary orders a reduction in force, enlisted personnel may be involuntarily separated from the service without the Board’s action.”

(b) The catchline to section 357 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read:

**“§ 357. Involuntary retirement of enlisted members”;**

and item 357 in the analysis to chapter 11 of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read:

“357. Involuntary retirement of enlisted members.”.

**SEC. 7. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT COURT-ORDERED COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

Section 93 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by—

- (1) striking the word “and” at the end of subsection (q);
- (2) striking the period at the end of subsection (r) and inserting “; and”;

(3) adding the following new subsection:

“(s) accept, under terms and conditions the Commandant establishes, the service of an individual ordered to perform community service under the order of a Federal, State, or municipal court.”.

**SEC. 8. HOUSING UNIT LEASE AUTHORITY.**

(a)(1) The Coast Guard may enter into a lease, for a term in excess of one fiscal year, to acquire a site at the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, for construction or renovation of housing units, or both.

(2) Any lease authorized under paragraph (1) is effective only to the extent that amounts are provided for in advance in appropriations Acts.

(b) Beginning in fiscal year 1991, the Coast Guard may spend appropriated amounts for the construction or renovation (or both) of housing units at the site of the Massachusetts Military Reservation.

**SEC. 9. AIR FACILITIES LEASE AUTHORITY.**

(a)(1) The Coast Guard may enter into a lease, for a term in excess of one fiscal year, to acquire a site at Charleston, South Carolina, for construction of a permanent air facility.

(2) Any lease authorized under paragraph (1) is effective only to the extent that amounts are provided for in advance in appropriations Acts.

(b) Beginning in fiscal year 1991, the Coast Guard may spend appropriated amounts for the construction of a permanent air facility on the site at Charleston, South Carolina.

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**SEC. 10. COAST GUARD HOUSING STUDY.**

Not later than six months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives a report on Coast Guard housing. The report shall examine the current housing problems of the Coast Guard, the long-term housing needs of the Coast Guard, and estimates of projected housing costs needed to relieve the current problems.

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**SEC. 11. TWO-YEAR BUDGET CYCLE FOR THE COAST GUARD.**

Notwithstanding another law, the President is not required to submit a two-year budget request for the Coast Guard until the President is required to submit a two-year budget request for the Department of Transportation.



**SEC. 12. TRANSPORTATION OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS OF COAST GUARD CADETS.**

Section 406(b)(2)(E) of title 37, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(E) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of Transportation for the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, cadets at the United States Military Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast Guard Academy, and midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy shall be entitled, in connection with temporary or permanent station change, to transportation of baggage and household effects as provided in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. The weight allowance for cadets and midshipmen is 350 pounds.”. Regulations.

**SEC. 13. EMERGENCY RECALL OF RESERVISTS.**

Section 712(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Notwithstanding another law, and for the emergency augmentation of the Regular Coast Guard forces during a serious natural or manmade disaster, accident, or catastrophe, the Secretary may, without the consent of the member affected, order to active duty of not more than thirty days in any four-month period and not more than sixty days in any two-year period an organized training unit of the Coast Guard Ready Reserve, a member thereof, or a member not assigned to a unit organized to serve as a unit.”.

**SEC. 14. RECALL OF RETIRED OFFICERS.**

(a) Section 332(b) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “1” and substituting “2”.

(b) Section 332(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking “his” and substituting “that officer’s” and by striking “he” and substituting “that officer”.

**SEC. 15. COAST GUARD ACADEMY ADVISORY COMMITTEE TERMINATION DATE.**

Section 193 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking at the end “September 30, 1992”, and inserting “September 30, 1994”.

**SEC. 16. AMENDMENT TO THE VESSEL BRIDGE-TO-BRIDGE RADIO-TELEPHONE ACT OF 1971.**

Section 4(a)(1) of the Vessel Bridge-to-Bridge Radiotelephone Act of 1971 (33 U.S.C. 1203(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) every power-driven vessel of twenty meters or over in length while navigating.”.

**SEC. 17. NORTH CAROLINA MARITIME MUSEUM.**

Notwithstanding section 3301(8) of title 46, United States Code, the GENERAL GREENE (vessel identification number USG NP5000025661), may transport not more than sixteen passengers when the North Carolina Maritime Museum operates the vessel for educational purposes.

**SEC. 18. HOUSTON-GALVESTON NAVIGATION SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Establishment.

(a)(1) There is established a Houston-Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”). The Committee shall advise, consult with, and make recommenda-

tions to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating (hereinafter in this part referred to as the "Secretary") on matters relating to the transit of vessels and products to and from the Ports of Galveston, Houston, Texas City, and Galveston Bay. The Secretary shall, whenever practicable, consult with the Committee before taking any significant action related to navigation safety at these port facilities. Any advice or recommendation made by the Committee to the Secretary shall reflect the independent judgment of the Committee on the matter concerned.

(2) The Committee is authorized to make available to Congress any information, advice, and recommendations that the Committee is authorized to give to the Secretary. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary, but in any event not less than once during each calendar year. All matters relating to or proceedings of the Committee shall comply with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.).

(b) The Committee shall consist of eighteen members, who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and techniques that are used to ship cargo and to navigate vessels in the inshore and the offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico:

(1) Two members who are employed by the Port of Houston Authority or have been selected by that entity to represent them.

(2) Two members who are employed by the Port of Galveston or the Texas City Port Complex or have been selected by those entities to represent them.

(3) Two members from organizations that represent ship-owners, stevedores, shipyards, or shipping organizations domiciled in the State of Texas.

(4) Two members representing organizations that operate tugs or barges that utilize the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City Port Complex.

(5) Two members representing shipping companies that transport cargo from the Ports of Galveston and Houston on liners, break bulk, or tramp steamer vessels.

(6) Two members representing those who pilot or command vessels that utilize the Ports of Galveston and Houston.

(7) Two at-large members who may represent a particular interest group but who utilize the port facilities at Galveston, Houston, and Texas City.

(8) One member representing labor organizations which load and unload cargo at the Ports of Galveston and Houston.

(9) One member representing licensed merchant mariners, other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on vessels which utilize the port facilities of Galveston and Houston.

(10) One member representing environmental interests.

(11) One member representing the general public.

(c) The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Committee after first soliciting nominations by notice published in the Federal Register. The Secretary may request the head of any other Federal agency or department to designate a representative to advise the Committee on matters within the jurisdiction of that agency or department.

(d) The Committee shall elect, by majority vote at its first meeting, one of the members of the Committee as the chairman and one of the members as the vice chairman. The vice chairman shall act as

chairman in the absence or incapacity of, or in the event of a vacancy in the Office of the Chairman.

(e) Terms of members appointed to the Committee shall be for two years. The Secretary shall, not less often than once a year, publish notice in the Federal Register for solicitation of nominations for membership on the Committee.

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(f) Members of the Committee who are not officers or employees of the United States shall serve without pay and members of the Committee who are officers or employees of the United States shall receive no additional pay on account of their service on the Committee. While away from their homes or regular places of business, members of the Committee may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(g) The term of members of the Committee shall begin on October 1, 1992.

#### SEC. 19. LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Establishment.  
Safety.

(a)(1) There is established a Lower Mississippi River Waterway Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"). The Committee shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating (hereinafter in this part referred to as the "Secretary") on a wide range of matters regarding all facets of navigational safety related to the Lower Mississippi River. The Secretary shall, whenever practicable, consult with the Committee before taking any significant action related to navigation safety in the Lower Mississippi River. Any advice or recommendation made by the Committee to the Secretary shall reflect the independent judgment of the Committee on the matter concerned.

(2) The Committee is authorized to make available to Congress any information, advice, and recommendations which the Committee is authorized to give the Secretary. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman, or upon request of the majority of Committee members, but in any event not less than once during each calendar year. All matters relating to or proceedings of the Committee shall comply with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.).

(b) The Committee shall consist of twenty-four members who have expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and techniques that are used to ship cargo and to navigate vessels on the Lower Mississippi River and its connecting navigable waterways including the Gulf of Mexico:

(1) Five members representing River Port Authorities between Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the head of passes of the Lower Mississippi River, of which one member shall be from the Port of St. Bernard and one member from the Port of Plaquemines.

(2) Two members representing vessel owners or ship owners domiciled in the State of Louisiana.

(3) Two members representing organizations which operate harbor tugs or barge fleets in the geographical area covered by the Committee.

(4) Two members representing companies which transport cargo or passengers on the navigable waterways in the geographical area covered by the Committee.



(5) Three members representing State Commissioned Pilot organizations, with one member each representing the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association, the Crescent River Port Pilots Association, and the Associated Branch Pilots Association.

(6) Two at-large members who utilize water transportation facilities located in the geographical area covered by the Committee.

(7) Three members representing consumers, shippers, or importers/exporters that utilize vessels which utilize the navigable waterways covered by the Committee.

(8) Two members representing those licensed merchant mariners, other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on those vessels which utilize navigable waterways covered by the Committee.

(9) One member representing an organization that serves in a consulting or advisory capacity to the maritime industry.

(10) One member representing an environmental organization.

(11) One member representing the general public.

(c) The Secretary shall appoint the members of the Committee upon recommendation after first soliciting nominations by notice in the Federal Register. The Secretary may request the head of any other Federal agency or department to designate a representative to advise the Committee on matters within the jurisdiction of that agency or department, who shall not be a voting member of the Committee.

(d) The Committee shall annually elect, by majority vote at its first meeting, a chairman and vice chairman from its membership. The vice chairman shall act as chairman in the absence or incapacity of, or in the event of a vacancy in, the Office of the Chairman.

(e) Terms of members appointed to the Committee shall be two years. The Secretary shall, not less than once a year, publish notice in the Federal Register for solicitation of nominations for membership on the Committee.

(f) Members of the Committee who are not officers or employees of the United States shall serve without pay and members of the Committee who are officers or employees of the United States shall receive no additional pay on account of their service on the Committee. While away from their homes or regular place of business, members of the Committee may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

#### SEC. 20. VESSEL REQUIREMENTS.

Section 3503 of title 46, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "November 1, 1993" and substituting "November 1, 1998"; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (B);

(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and substituting "; and"; and

(C) by adding the following new subparagraph:

"(D) the owner or managing operator of the vessel shall notify the Coast Guard of structural alterations to the vessel, and with regard to those alterations comply with any noncombustible material requirements that the Coast

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Guard prescribes for nonpublic spaces. Coast Guard requirements shall be consistent with preservation of the historic integrity of the vessel in areas carrying or accessible to passengers or generally visible to the public.”.

#### SEC. 21. AMENDMENT OF INLAND NAVIGATIONAL RULES.

Section 2 of the Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980 (33 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in Rule 1(e) (33 U.S.C. 2001(e)), by striking “without interfering with the special function of the vessel,”; and

(2) in Rule 8 (33 U.S.C. 2008), by inserting immediately after paragraph (e) the following new paragraph:

“(f)(i) A vessel which, by any of these Rules, is required not to impede the passage or safe passage of another vessel shall, when required by the circumstances of the case, take early action to allow sufficient sea room for the safe passage of the other vessel.

“(ii) A vessel required not to impede the passage or safe passage of another vessel is not relieved of this obligation if approaching the other vessel so as to involve risk of collision and shall, when taking action, have full regard to the action which may be required by the Rules of this part.

“(iii) A vessel the passage of which is not to be impeded remains fully obliged to comply with the Rules of this part when the two vessels are approaching one another so as to involve risk of collision.”.

#### SEC. 22. DESIGNATION OF THE BORDEAUX RAILROAD BRIDGE AS AN OBSTRUCTION TO NAVIGATION.

Notwithstanding another law, the Bordeaux Railroad Bridge at mile 185.2 of the Cumberland River is deemed an unreasonable obstruction to navigation.

#### SEC. 23. NEW CONSTRUCTION DECLARATION.

The vessel, SEA FALCON, United States official number 606930, is deemed to have been built in the year 1990 for all purposes of subtitle II of title 46, United States Code.

#### SEC. 24. NATIONAL BOATING SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Section 13110(e) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “September 30, 1991” and substituting “September 30, 1996”.

#### SEC. 25. COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Section 4508(e)(1) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “1992” and substituting “1994”.

#### SEC. 26. CONVEYANCE OF CAPE MAY POINT LIGHTHOUSE.

(a)(1) The Secretary may convey to the State of New Jersey, by any appropriate means of conveyance, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to property comprising the Cape May Point Lighthouse.

(2) The Secretary may identify, describe, and determine the property to be conveyed pursuant to this section.

(b)(1) A conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be made—

(A) without the payment of consideration; and

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(B) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

(2) In addition to any term or condition established pursuant to paragraph (1), any conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be subject to the condition that all right, title, and interest in and to all such property so conveyed shall immediately revert to the United States if the property, or any part thereof, ceases to be used as a nonprofit center for public benefit for the interpretation and preservation of the material culture of the United States Coast Guard and the maritime history of Cape May, New Jersey.

(3) Any conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be subject to such conditions as the Secretary considers to be necessary to assure that—

(A) the light, antennas, sound signal, and associated equipment located on the property conveyed, which are active aids to navigation, shall continue to be operated and maintained by the United States;

(B) the State of New Jersey may not interfere or allow interference in any manner with such aids to navigation without express written permission from the United States;

(C) there is reserved to the United States the right to relocate, replace, or add any aids to navigation or make any changes on any portion of such property as may be necessary for navigation purposes;

(D) the United States shall have the right, at any time, to enter such property without notice for the purpose of maintaining navigation aids; and

(E) the United States shall have an easement of access to such property for the purpose of maintaining the navigational aids in use on the property.

(4) The State of New Jersey shall not have any obligation to maintain any active aid to navigation equipment on property conveyed pursuant to this section.

(c) For purposes of this section—

(1) "Cape May Point Lighthouse" means the Coast Guard lighthouse located at Cape May, New Jersey, including the attached keeper's dwelling, several ancillary buildings, the associated fog signal, and such land as may be necessary to enable the State of New Jersey to operate at that lighthouse a nonprofit center for public benefit for the interpretation and preservation of the material culture of the United States Coast Guard and the maritime history of Cape May, New Jersey; and

(2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

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#### SEC. 27. SHIP SHOAL LIGHTHOUSE TRANSFER.

Notwithstanding another law, the Secretary of Transportation shall transfer without consideration to the city of Berwick, Louisiana, all rights, title, and interest of the United States in the aid to navigation structure known as the Ship Shoal Lighthouse, Louisiana.

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#### SEC. 28. CAPE COD LIGHTHOUSE AND SANKATY HEAD LIGHT STATION.

(a)(1) Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, appropriate State, local, and other governmental entities, and private preserva-

tion groups, shall develop a strategy regarding the relocation, ownership, maintenance, operation, and use of Cape Cod Lighthouse (otherwise known as "Highland Light") in North Truro, Massachusetts, and Sankaty Head Light Station in Nantucket, Massachusetts.

(2) In developing the strategy, the Secretary shall determine whether and under what conditions it would be appropriate to convey the rights, title, and interest of the United States in Cape Cod Lighthouse and Sankaty Head Light Station to other Federal, State, or local government agencies or private preservation groups.

(3) In preparing the strategy with respect to Cape Cod Lighthouse, the Secretary shall consult with the Director of the National Park Service to determine whether the lighthouse should become part of the National Park at Cape Cod National Seashore.

(4) Any strategy developed under this section shall be consistent with—

(A) the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) and other applicable laws; and

(B) the goal of interpreting and preserving material culture of the United States Coast Guard.

(b) After completion of the strategy under subsection (a), the Secretary of Transportation may convey, by any appropriate means, all right, title, and interest of the United States in either or both of Cape Cod Lighthouse and Sankaty Head Light Station to one or more Federal, State, or local government agencies or appropriate nonprofit private preservation groups. Any conveyance under this subsection shall be made—

(1) without payment of consideration;

(2) subject to appropriate terms and conditions as the Secretary of Transportation considers necessary; and

(3) subject to the condition that if the terms and conditions established by the Secretary are not met, the property conveyed shall revert to the United States.

#### SEC. 29. TRANSFER OF HECETA HEAD AND CAPE BLANCO LIGHTHOUSES.

(a)(1) The Secretary may convey by any appropriate means to the State of Oregon all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to property comprising one or both of the Heceta Head Lighthouse and the Cape Blanco Lighthouse.

(2) The Secretary may identify, describe, and determine property conveyed pursuant to this section.

(b)(1) The conveyance of property pursuant to subsection (a) shall be made—

(A) without the payment of consideration; and

(B) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

(2) In addition to any term or condition established pursuant to paragraph (1), any conveyance of property comprising Heceta Head Lighthouse or Cape Blanco Lighthouse pursuant to this section shall be subject to the condition that all right, title, and interest in and to the property so conveyed shall immediately revert to the United States if the property, or any part thereof, ceases to be used as a nonprofit center for public benefit for the interpretation and preservation of the maritime history of Heceta Head or Cape Blanco, as applicable.

(3) Any conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be made subject to such conditions as the Secretary considers to be necessary to assure that—

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(A) the light, antennas, and associated equipment located on the property conveyed, which are active aids to navigation, shall continue to be operated and maintained by the United States;

(B) the State of Oregon may not interfere or allow interference in any manner with such aids to navigation without express written permission from the United States;

(C) there is reserved to the United States the right to relocate, replace, or add any aids to navigation or make any changes on any portion of such property as may be necessary for navigation purposes;

(D) the United States shall have the right, at any time, to enter such property without notice for the purpose of maintaining aids to navigation; and

(E) the United States shall have an easement of access to such property for the purpose of maintaining the aids to navigation in use on the property.

(4) The State of Oregon shall not have any obligation to maintain any active aid to navigation equipment on property conveyed pursuant to this section.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term—

(1) "Heceta Head Lighthouse" means the Coast Guard lighthouse located at Heceta Head, Oregon, including—

(A) the classical fresnel lens;

(B) the keeper's dwelling;

(C) several ancillary buildings; and

(D) such land as may be necessary to enable the State of Oregon to operate at that lighthouse a nonprofit center for public benefit for the interpretation and preservation of the maritime history of Heceta Head, Oregon;

(2) "Cape Blanco Lighthouse" means the Coast Guard lighthouse located at Cape Blanco, Oregon, including—

(A) the classical fresnel lens;

(B) several ancillary buildings; and

(C) such land as may be necessary to enable the State of Oregon to operate at that lighthouse a nonprofit center for public benefit for the interpretation and preservation of the maritime history of Cape Blanco, Oregon; and

(3) the term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

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Historic  
preservation.  
Real property.

#### SEC. 30. CONVEYANCE OF WHITE ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

(a)(1) The Secretary shall convey to the State of New Hampshire, by any appropriate means of conveyance, all rights, title, and interest of the United States in and to property comprising the White Island Lighthouse.

(2) The Secretary may identify, describe, and determine the property to be conveyed pursuant to this section.

(b)(1) A conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be made—

(A) without the payment of consideration; and

(B) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

(2) In addition to any term or condition established pursuant to paragraph (1), any conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be subject to the condition that all rights, title, and interest in and to all such property so conveyed shall immediately revert to the United States if the property so conveyed ceases to be used as a



nonprofit center for public benefit. In connection therewith, the property may be used for educational, historic, recreational, and cultural programs open to and for the benefit of the general public. Theme displays, museum, gift shop, open exhibits, meeting rooms, and an office and quarters for personnel in connection with security and administration of the property are expressly authorized. Other uses not inconsistent with the foregoing uses are permitted unless the Secretary shall reasonably determine that such uses are incompatible with the historic nature of the property or with other provisions of this section.

(3) Any conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be subject to such conditions as the Secretary considers to be necessary to assure that—

(A) any light, antennas, sound signal, and associated equipment located on the property conveyed, which are active aids to navigation, shall continue to be operated and maintained by the United States;

(B) the State of New Hampshire may not interfere or allow interference in any manner with such aids to navigation without express written permission from the United States;

(C) there is reserved to the United States the right to relocate, replace, or add any aids to navigation or make any changes on any portion of such property as may be necessary for navigation purposes;

(D) the United States shall have the right, at any time, to enter such property with notice for the purpose of maintaining navigational aids; and

(E) the United States shall have an easement of access to such property for the purpose of maintaining the navigational aids in use on the property.

(4) The State of New Hampshire shall not have any obligation to maintain any active aid-to-navigation equipment on property conveyed pursuant to this section.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "White Island Lighthouse" means the Coast Guard lighthouse located at White Island, Isles of Shoals, New Hampshire, including the attached keeper's dwelling, several ancillary buildings, the associated fog signal, and such lands as may be necessary to enable the State of New Hampshire to operate at that lighthouse a nonprofit center for public benefit.

#### SEC. 31. CONVEYANCE OF PORTLAND HEAD LIGHTHOUSE.

(a)(1) The Secretary shall convey to the Town of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, by any appropriate means of conveyance, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to property comprising the Portland Head Lighthouse.

(2) The Secretary may identify, describe, and determine the property to be conveyed pursuant to this section.

(b)(1) A conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be made—

(A) without the payment of consideration; and

(B) subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

(2) In addition to any term or condition established pursuant to paragraph (1), any conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be subject to the condition that all right, title, and interest in and to all such property so conveyed shall immediately revert to the

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Historic  
preservation.  
Real property.

United States if the property so conveyed ceases to be used as a nonprofit center for public benefit. In connection therewith, the property may be used for educational, historic, recreational, and cultural programs open to and for the benefit of the general public. Theme displays, museum, gift shop, open exhibits, meeting rooms, and an office and quarters for personnel in connection with security and administration of the property and the adjacent Fort Williams Park, owned and operated by the Town of Cape Elizabeth, are expressly authorized. Other uses not inconsistent with the foregoing uses are permitted unless the Secretary shall reasonably determine that such uses are incompatible with the historic nature of the property or with other provisions of this section.

(3) Any conveyance of property pursuant to this section shall be subject to such conditions as the Secretary considers to be necessary to assure that—

(A) any light, antennas, sound signal, and associated equipment located on the property conveyed, which are active aids to navigation, shall continue to be operated and maintained by the United States;

(B) the Town of Cape Elizabeth may not interfere or allow interference in any manner with such aids to navigation without express written permission from the United States;

(C) there is reserved to the United States the right to relocate, replace, or add any aids to navigation or make any changes on any portion of such property as may be necessary for navigation purposes;

(D) the United States shall have the right, at any time, to enter such property with notice for the purpose of maintaining navigational aids; and

(E) the United States shall have an easement of access to such property for the purpose of maintaining the navigational aids in use on the property.

(4) The Town of Cape Elizabeth shall not have any obligation to maintain any active aid-to-navigation equipment on property conveyed pursuant to this section.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term—

(1) "Portland Head Lighthouse" means the Coast Guard lighthouse located at Cape Elizabeth, Maine, including the attached keeper's dwelling, several ancillary buildings, the associated fog signal, and such lands as may be necessary to enable the Town of Cape Elizabeth to operate at that lighthouse a nonprofit center for public benefit; and

(2) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating.

33 USC 2718  
note.

#### SEC. 32. OIL POLLUTION REPORT.

Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall report to Congress on the effect of section 1018 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-380; 104 Stat. 484) on the safety of vessels being used to transport oil and the capability of owners and operators to meet their legal obligations in the event of an oil spill.

Safety.

#### SEC. 33. PASSENGER VESSEL INVESTIGATIONS.

Section 6101 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e)(1) This chapter applies to a marine casualty involving a United States citizen on a foreign passenger vessel operating south of 75 degrees north latitude, west of 35 degrees west longitude, and east of the International Date Line; or operating in the area south of 60 degrees south latitude that—

“(A) embarks or disembarks passengers in the United States;

or

“(B) transports passengers traveling under any form of air and sea ticket package marketed in the United States.

“(2) When there is a marine casualty described in paragraph (1) of this subsection and an investigation is conducted, the Secretary shall ensure that the investigation—

“(A) is thorough and timely; and

“(B) produces findings and recommendations to improve safety on passenger vessels.

“(3) When there is a marine casualty described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Secretary may—

“(A) seek a multinational investigation of the casualty under auspices of the International Maritime Organization; or

“(B) conduct an investigation of the casualty under chapter 63 of this title.”.

**SEC. 34. PORTION OF SACRAMENTO RIVER BARGE CANAL DECLARED TO NOT BE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF UNITED STATES.**

California.  
33 USC 59ee.

For purposes of bridge administration, the Sacramento River Barge Canal, which connects the Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel with the Sacramento River in West Sacramento, Yolo County, California, is declared to not be navigable waters of the United States for purposes of the General Bridge Act of 1946 (33 U.S.C. 525 et seq.) from the eastern boundary of the Port of Sacramento to a point 1,200 feet east of the William G. Stone Lock.

**SEC. 35. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE COAST GUARD IN THE PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT.**

(a) The Congress finds that—

(1) members of the Coast Guard played an important role in the Persian Gulf Conflict;

(2) nine hundred and fifty members of the Coast Guard Reserve were called to active duty during the Persian Gulf Conflict and participated in various activities, including vessel inspection, port safety and security, and supervision of loading and unloading hazardous military cargo;

(3) members of Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachments led or directly participated in approximately 60 percent of the six hundred vessel boardings in support of maritime interception operations in the Middle East;

(4) ten Coast Guard Law Enforcement Teams were deployed for enforcement of United Nations sanctions during the Persian Gulf Conflict;

(5) over three hundred men and women in the Coast Guard Vessel Inspection Program participated in the inspection of military sealift vessels and facilitated the efficient transportation of hazardous materials, munitions, and other supplies to the combat zone;

(6) members of the Coast Guard served in the Joint Information Bureau Combat Camera and Public Affairs staffs;

(7) approximately five hundred and fifty members of the Coast Guard served in port security units in the Persian Gulf area, providing port security and waterside protection for ships unloading essential military cargo;

(8) the Coast Guard Environmental Response Program headed the international Interagency Oil Pollution Response Advisory Team for cleanup efforts relating to the massive oil spill off the coasts of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia;

(9) the Coast Guard Research and Development Center developed a deployable positioning system for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Area Search Detachment, saving the detachment time and thousands of dollars, while also increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of the minesweeping and ordnance disposal operations in the Persian Gulf area; and

(10) Coast Guard units remain in the Persian Gulf area and continue to provide essential support including both port security and law enforcement.

(b) The Congress commends the Coast Guard for the important role it played in the Persian Gulf Conflict and urges the people of the United States to recognize that role.

#### SEC. 36. BRIDGE ACROSS WAPPINGER CREEK, NEW YORK.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the railroad bridge across Wappinger Creek, mile 0.0. at New Hamburg, New York, is hereby determined to provide for the reasonable needs of navigation under the Act of March 3, 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401), section 1 of the Act of March 23, 1906 (33 U.S.C. 491), and section 502(b) of the General Bridge Act of 1946 (33 U.S.C. 525(b)), at the closed position and need not be maintained as a movable structure.

#### SEC. 37. VESSEL SAFETY NEAR STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA.

The Secretary of Transportation, through the Secretary of State, is directed to enter into discussions with their appropriate Canadian counterparts to examine alternatives to improve commercial vessel traffic safety off the entrance to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

#### SEC. 38. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AT FOLLY BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA.

(a) Notwithstanding another law, the Secretary of Transportation shall transfer without consideration to the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission all rights, title, and interest of the United States in Coast Guard property located at Folly Island, Charleston County, South Carolina, described in subsection (b) subject to existing easements and restrictions of record. The transferee shall pay for all conveyance costs.

(b) The property to be transferred under subsection (a) is described as commencing at a point in the center of the United States Army Observation Steel Tower (32 degrees 41 minutes 13.590 seconds north latitude, 79 degrees 53 minutes 16.783 seconds west longitude), and running from there due south 261.75 feet to a point at 32 degrees 41 minutes 11 seconds north latitude, 79 degrees 53 minutes 16.783 seconds west longitude, for a point of beginning; running from there, due east along north latitude 32 degrees 41 minutes 11 seconds 854 feet, more or less, to a point in the low water line; from there, running southerly and southwesterly along the meanderings of such low water line 4650 feet, more or less, to the intersection of such low water line with west longitude 79 degrees 53 minutes 30

seconds; from there, running due north along such longitude 3380 feet, more or less, to the intersection of such longitude with north latitude 32 degrees 41 minutes 11 seconds; from there, running due east along such latitude 1129.64 feet to the point of beginning, containing 143 acres, more or less (part high and part submerged lands); together with the 2300 volt power line, and all power line rights-of-way connected therewith, extending from the Government's property at the east end of Folly Island to such power line's connection with the South Carolina Power Company's power line at Folly Beach.

#### SEC. 39. REQUIREMENT TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POLLUTION INCIDENTS.

Section 7 of the Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (33 U.S.C. 1906) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 7. (a) The master, person in charge, owner, charterer, manager, or operator of a ship involved in an incident shall report the incident in the manner prescribed by Article 8 of the Convention in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary for that purpose.

"(b) The master or person in charge of—

"(1) a ship of United States registry or nationality, or operated under the authority of the United States, wherever located;

"(2) another ship while in the navigable waters of the United States; or

"(3) a sea port or oil handling facility subject to the jurisdiction of the United States,

shall report a discharge, probable discharge, or presence of oil in the manner prescribed by Article 4 of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation, 1990 (adopted at London, November 30, 1990), in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary for that purpose."

#### SEC. 40. AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT INTERNATIONAL SALVAGE CONVENTION, 1989.

(a) Section 3 of the Act of August 1, 1912 (46 App. U.S.C. 729), is amended by striking all after "fair share of the" and substituting "payment awarded to the salvor for salvaging the vessel or other property or preventing or minimizing damage to the environment."

(b) Section 5 of the Act of August 1, 1912 (46 App. U.S.C. 731), is amended by striking "Nothing in this Act" and substituting "Nothing in sections 1, 3, and 4 of this Act and section 2304 of title 46, United States Code,".

#### SEC. 41. CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION FOR MAYFLOWER II.

(a) Notwithstanding section 12106 of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), as applicable on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade of the United States for the vessel MAYFLOWER II, owned by Plimoth Plantation, Inc., a corporation under the laws of Massachusetts.

(b)(1) The Secretary may exempt the vessel MAYFLOWER II from compliance with—

(A) any requirement relating to inspection or safety under title 46, United States Code; and



(B) any requirement relating to navigation under title 33, United States Code.

(2) If the Secretary exempts the vessel from any requirement under paragraph (1), the Secretary may establish an alternative requirement designed to provide for the safety of the passengers and crew of the vessel.

South  
Carolina.

**SEC. 42. JOHN F. LIMEHOUSE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.**

Notwithstanding another law, the John F. Limehouse Memorial Bridge across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway in Charleston County, South Carolina, is deemed an unreasonable obstruction to navigation.

Reports.

**SEC. 43. OREGON OIL SPILL RESPONSE STUDY.**

Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives a report examining the adequacy of pre-positioned oil spill response equipment to respond to potential damage caused by spills upriver on the Columbia River where commercial and government marine vessel activity takes place.

5 USC note  
prec. 7901.

**SEC. 44. TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY.**

The Department of Transportation may include military personnel of the Coast Guard in any program in which the Department participates under section 629 of the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government Appropriations Act, 1991, Public Law 101-509, notwithstanding section 629(c)(2) of that Act.

**SEC. 45. CHATHAM HARBOR, MASSACHUSETTS.**

Not later than thirty days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall provide to the United States Army Corps of Engineers New England Division for incorporation into their Feasibility Study on Improvement Dredging in Chatham Harbor, the following information:

(1) a description of the current and projected future navigational hazards in Chatham Harbor caused by shoaling in and around Aunt Lydia's Cove;

(2) the current and projected impacts, of these navigational hazards on the Coast Guard's missions, including:

(A) impacts on search and rescue responses;

(B) impacts on the area of response;

(C) types and costs of any special equipment needed to navigate the channel; and

(D) potential impacts on boater safety; and

(3) the benefits to local boaters and the Coast Guard that would result from improved navigation.

**SEC. 46. JONES ACT WAIVERS FOR CERTAIN VESSELS.**

Notwithstanding sections 12106, 12107, and 12108 of title 46, United States Code, and section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920 (46 App. U.S.C. 883), as applicable on the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation may issue a certificate of documentation for the following vessels:

(1) MISS LELIA, United States official number 577213.

(2) BILLFISH, United States official number 920896.

(3) MARSH GRASS III, United States official number 963616.

**SEC. 47. NATIONAL MARITIME ENHANCEMENT INSTITUTES.**

Section 8(e) of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1990 for the Maritime Administration, and for other purposes", approved October 13, 1989 (46 App. U.S.C. 1121-2(e)), is amended by striking "shall not exceed \$100,000" and substituting "by the Secretary shall not exceed \$500,000".

**SEC. 48. ACQUISITION OF SPACE IN VIRGINIA.**

The Secretary of Commerce shall acquire space from the administrator of General Services in the area of Newport News-Norfolk, Virginia, for use for consolidating and meeting the long-term space needs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in a cost effective manner. In order to acquire this space, the Administrator of General Services may, with the consent of the Secretary of Commerce, exchange real property owned by the Department of Commerce for other real property, including improvements to that property, in that area.

**SEC. 49. ACQUISITION OF SPACE IN ALASKA.**

The Secretary of Commerce shall acquire space from the administrator of General Services on Near Island in Kodiak, Alaska, that meets the long-term space needs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, if the maximum annual cost of leasing the building in which the space is located is not more than \$1,000,000.

**SEC. 50. TRANSFER AT JUNEAU, ALASKA.**

(a) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the Secretary of Transportation shall transfer without consideration to the Secretary of Commerce all rights, title, and interest of the United States in Coast Guard property and improvements at Auke Cape, Alaska (Lot 2 on United States Survey Number 3811 comprising 28.16 acres), located approximately 11 miles northwest of Juneau, Alaska.

(b) The Secretary of Commerce shall make the property transferred under this section available to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**SEC. 51. STUDY OF JOINT ENFORCEMENT OF MARINE SANCTUARY REGULATIONS.**

Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce shall submit to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation a joint report describing methods by which Coast Guard enforcement efforts under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) may be enhanced and coordinated with those of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The report shall—

(1) evaluate the ability of the Coast Guard to address key enforcement problems, which the Secretary of Commerce shall identify, for each national marine sanctuary;

(2) propose procedures by which the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may coordinate their efforts in order to improve and maximize effective enforcement of marine sanctuary regulations; and

(3) recommend appropriate levels of Coast Guard participation in the efforts.

Reports.  
16 USC 1437  
note.

33 USC 59ff.

## SEC. 52. DECLARATION OF NONNAVIGABILITY FOR PORTIONS OF PELICAN ISLAND, TEXAS.

(a) Subject to the provisions of subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section, those portions of Pelican Island, Texas, which are not submerged and which are within the following property descriptions, are declared to be nonnavigable waters of the United States:

(1) A 1,903.6655 acre tract of land situated in Galveston County, Texas, within the Galveston City Limits and on Pelican Island and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, with all control referred to the Texas State Plane Coordinate System, Lambert Projection, South Central Zone:

Beginning at a United States Corps of Engineers concrete monument with a brass cap, being Corps of Engineers station 40+00 and being located on the southwesterly line of a United States Government Reservation and having Texas State Plane Coordinate Value of  $X=3,340,636.67$ ,  $Y=568,271.91$ ;

thence south 57 degrees 00 minutes 04 seconds east, 501.68 feet to a point for corner;

thence north 37 degrees 18 minutes 11 seconds east, 2,802.65 feet to a point for corner;

thence north 79 degrees 03 minutes 47 seconds east, 798.87 feet to a point for corner;

thence north 15 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds east, 2,200.00 feet to a point for corner located on the north harbor line of Pelican Island;

thence along said north harbor line south 63 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds east 306.04 feet to a point for corner;

thence leaving said harbor line south 15 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds west, at 1,946.05 feet past the northwesterly corner of Seawolf Park, in all a total distance of 2,285.87 feet to the southwesterly corner of Seawolf Park;

thence along the southeasterly line of said Seawolf Park, south 74 degrees 25 minutes 07 seconds east, 421.01 feet to a point for corner;

thence continuing along said line south 65 degrees 12 minutes 37 seconds east, 93.74 feet to a point for corner;

thence south 63 degrees 00 minutes 45 seconds east, 800.02 feet to a point for corner on Galveston Channel Harbor Line;

thence along said Galveston Channel Harbor Line as follows:

south 15 degrees 14 minutes 01 second west, 965.95 feet to a point,

south 74 degrees 26 minutes 20 seconds east, 37.64 feet to a point,

south 15 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds west, 2,779.13 feet to a point,

south 36 degrees 18 minutes 31 seconds west, 1,809.93 feet to a point,

south 36 degrees 24 minutes 57 seconds west, 190.98 feet to a point,

south 40 degrees 37 minutes 46 seconds west, 558.04 feet to a point,

south 49 degrees 02 minutes 41 seconds west, 558.16  
feet to a point,  
south 53 degrees 15 minutes 03 seconds west, 1,557.49  
feet to a point,  
south 55 degrees 34 minutes 51 seconds west, 455.45  
feet to a point,  
south 60 degrees 14 minutes 23 seconds west, 455.37  
feet to a point,  
south 62 degrees 34 minutes 14 seconds west, 426.02  
feet to a point,  
south 68 degrees 11 minutes 32 seconds west, 784.25  
feet to a point,  
south 79 degrees 26 minutes 20 seconds west, 784.21  
feet to a point,  
south 85 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds west, 761.77  
feet to a point,  
south 86 degrees 42 minutes 35 seconds west, 1,092.97  
feet to a point,  
north 89 degrees 59 minutes 40 seconds west, 827.53  
feet to a point,  
north 88 degrees 20 minutes 24 seconds west, 1,853.01  
feet to a point,  
south 62 degrees 11 minutes 55 seconds west, 45.94  
feet to a point,  
north 88 degrees 04 minutes 15 seconds west, 653.80  
feet to a point, and  
north 78 degrees 19 minutes 36 seconds west, 1,871.96  
feet to a point for corner located on the Mean High  
Water Line (0.88 foot contour line, above sea level  
datum);

thence leaving said Harbor Line and following the mean-  
ders of said Mean High Water Line along Galveston Bay as  
follows:

north 26 degrees 26 minutes 35 seconds west, 1,044.28  
feet to a point,  
north 25 degrees 25 minutes 56 seconds east, 242.71  
feet to a point,  
north 16 degrees 42 minutes 01 second west, 270.77  
feet to a point,  
north 10 degrees 04 minutes 05 seconds west, 508.36  
feet to a point,  
north 11 degrees 21 minutes 01 second west, 732.39  
feet to a point,  
north 03 degrees 45 minutes 31 seconds west, 446.34  
feet to a point,  
north 03 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds west, 566.01  
feet to a point,  
north 02 degrees 48 minutes 50 seconds west, 288.02  
feet to a point,  
north 06 degrees 53 minutes 40 seconds west, 301.48  
feet to a point,  
north 19 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds east, 407.38  
feet to a point,  
north 12 degrees 28 minutes 05 seconds east, 346.79  
feet to a point,  
north 01 degrees 30 minutes 23 seconds east, 222.91  
feet to a point, and

north 08 degrees 08 minutes 07 seconds east, 289.74 feet to a point for corner;

thence leaving said Mean High Water Line north 84 degrees 43 minutes 15 seconds east 10,099.75 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1,903.6655 acres of land.

(2) All of that certain tract of 206.6116 acres of land, being part of and out of Pelican Island, in the City of Galveston, Galveston County, Texas, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the most northwesterly corner of the Pelican Spit Military Reservation, as described in the Deed from the City of Galveston unto the United States of America, dated April 29, 1907, and recorded in Book 221, at Page 416 of the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas, said point being Pelican Island Coordinates N=15,171.20 and E=11,533.92;

thence north 29 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds east, a distance of 100.00 feet to a 2-inch iron pipe for corner, said corner being the most southerly corner of the herein described tract, and place of beginning:

thence north 60 degrees 48 minutes 08 seconds west, a distance of 3,000.00 feet to a 2-inch iron pipe for corner;

thence north 29 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds east, a distance of 3,000.00 feet to a point for corner;

thence south 60 degrees 48 minutes 08 seconds east, a distance of 3,000.00 feet to a point for corner;

thence south 29 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds west, a distance of 3,000.00 feet to the place of beginning, containing 206.6116 acres.

(3) Beginning at point "H" (point "H" is also known as point "3" on Pelican Island Harbor Line), the coordinates of which are South 8,827.773 meters and East 11,483.592 meters, on Pelican Island proposed harbor line;

thence with harbor line north 61 degrees west 800 feet;

thence south 17 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds west 2,200 feet;

thence south 61 degrees east 800 feet to proposed harbor line;

thence with proposed harbor line north 17 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds east to the place of beginning and containing 39.88 acres, more or less, together with all buildings, utilities, and improvements thereon.

(4) Beginning at a point in the westerly property line of the tract described in paragraph (3), said point being 285.00 feet bearing north 17 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds east from the southwest corner of said tract;

thence north 72 degrees 24 minutes 22 seconds west, a distance of 346.00 feet;

thence north 14 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds east, a distance of 610.00 feet;

thence south 72 degrees 24 minutes 22 seconds east, a distance of 374.00 feet;

thence south 17 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds west, a distance of 609.36 feet to the point of beginning and containing 5.036 acres of land, more or less.



(5) Beginning at the southwest corner of the tract described in paragraph (3);

thence north 63 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds west, a distance of 93.74 feet to a point for corner;

thence north 72 degrees 24 minutes 22 seconds west, a distance of 421.01 feet to a point for corner;

thence north 17 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds east, a distance of 339.82 feet to a point for corner;

thence south 82 degrees 24 minutes 22 seconds east, a distance of 86.03 feet to a point for corner;

thence north 77 degrees 11 minutes 26 seconds east, a distance of 89.12 feet to a point for corner in the westerly line of the tract described in paragraph (4);

thence south 14 degrees 58 minutes 09 seconds west, with said westerly line, a distance of 130.00 feet to a point for corner, the southwest corner of the tract described in paragraph (4);

thence south 72 degrees 24 minutes 22 seconds east, with the southerly line of the tract described in paragraph (4), a distance of 346.00 feet to a point for corner, the southeast corner of the tract described in paragraph (4);

thence south 17 degrees 35 minutes 38 seconds west, with the westerly line of the tract described in paragraph (3), a distance of 285.00 feet to a point of beginning, containing 3.548 acres of land, more or less.

(b) Notwithstanding the declaration under subsection (a), the following portions of Pelican Island, Texas, within those lands described in subsection (a) shall remain navigable waters of the United States:

(1) Out of the Eneas Smith Survey, A-190, on Pelican Island, the 2.7392 acre tract, the 3.2779 acre tract, and the 2.8557 acre tract described in the Perpetual Easements dated May 9, 1975, from Mitchell Development Corporation of the Southwest to the United States, recorded on pages 111 through 122 of Book 2571 of the Real Property Records in the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas.

(2) Out of the Eneas Smith Survey, A-190, on Pelican Island, the 1.8361 acre tract of land described in Exhibit "B" of the Specific Location of Pipeline Easement dated July 30, 1975, by and between the Mitchell Development Corporation of the Southwest, the United States of America, and Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), recorded on pages 9 through 14 of Book 2605 of the Real Property Records in the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas.

(3) For each of the four tracts of land described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection, a 40-foot wide strip of land along, adjacent and parallel to, and extending the full length of, the easterly boundary line of the tract and a 40-foot wide strip of land along, adjacent and parallel to, and extending the full length of, the westerly boundary line of the tract.

(c) The declaration under subsection (a) shall apply only to those parts of the areas described in subsection (a) of this section and not described in subsection (b) of this section which are or will be bulkheaded and filled or otherwise occupied by permanent structures or other permanent physical improvements, including marina facilities. All such work is subject to applicable Federal statutes and regulations, including sections 9 and 10 of the Act of March 3, 1899

(commonly referred to as the "Rivers and Harbors Appropriation Act of 1899" (33 U.S.C. 401 and 403)), section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

(d) If, 20 years from the date of the enactment of this Act, any area or part thereof described in subsection (a) of this section and not described in subsection (b) of this section is not bulkheaded or filled or occupied by permanent structures or other permanent physical improvements, including marina facilities, in accordance with the requirements set out in subsection (c) of this section, or if work is not commenced within five years after issuance of any permits required to be obtained under subsection (c), then the declaration of nonnavigability for such area or part thereof shall expire.

#### SEC. 53. DISCLOSURE REGARDING RECREATIONAL VESSEL FEE.

Section 2110(b) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(5) The Secretary shall provide to each person who pays a fee or charge under this subsection a separate document on which appears, in readily discernible print, only the following statement: 'The fees for which this document was provided was established under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990. Persons paying this fee can expect no increase in the quantity, quality, or variety of services the person receives from the Coast Guard as a result of that payment.'"

#### SEC. 54. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON COAST GUARD RESCUE EFFORTS.

(a) The Congress finds that—

(1) during the month of October, Air Station Cape Cod experienced one of the most intense periods of search and rescue activities, including fifty-one search and rescue cases of which twenty-seven were in the last ten days of the month;

(2) immediately prior to the winter storm that ravaged Cape Cod from October 28 to November 1, with average seas of 35-40 feet and winds exceeding eighty knots, coastal small boat station personnel on Cape Cod and the Islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard successfully worked with the local communities and the fishing industry to secure the small coastal ports to minimize damage to vessels and property;

(3) Group Portland, Group Boston, and Group Woods Hole units suffered significant damage to coastal small boat stations, lighthouses, and other aids to navigation but this damage did not affect operational readiness and Coast Guard boats and aircraft were prepared to respond to emergencies;

(4) during the five-day period from October 28 to November 1, the Coast Guard Cutter GENETIN, Coast Guard Cutter BEAR and Coast Guard helicopters stationed at Elizabeth City, North Carolina participated in five offshore rescue operations that saved twenty-one lives;

(5) Coast Guard flight crews operating from Elizabeth City logged fifty-six hours of flight time during the seventy-two-hour-period when Hurricane Grace buffeted the North Carolina Coast;

(6) The Coast Guard performed these search and rescue operations while fulfilling other important missions including the

monitoring of a sulfuric acid spill and a sensitive law enforcement operation.

(b) The Congress commends the Coast Guard units involved for their remarkable skill, performance and dedication in protecting life and property and urges the people of the United States to recognize this job well done.

**SEC. 55. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON RECREATIONAL BOAT FEES.**

(a) The Congress finds that—

(1) under section 9701 of title 31, United States Code, and section 664 of title 14, United States Code, Coast Guard user fees must be fair, based on the cost to the Coast Guard of providing services or things of value, based on the value of services or things of value provided by the Coast Guard, and based on a valid public policy or interest;

(2) the Coast Guard fee imposed upon recreational boaters under section 2110(b) of title 46, United States Code, was established under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-508; 104 Stat. 1388-1397);

(3) recreational boaters who are required to pay this fee cannot expect to receive any additional service in return for payment of the fee;

(4) recreational boaters already pay a motorboat fuel tax that contributes to the Coast Guard budget; and

(5) the fee imposed upon recreational boaters will not be directly available to the Coast Guard to increase services that would benefit recreational boaters.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that the requirement that the Coast Guard collect a fee from recreational boaters under section 2110(b) of title 46, United States Code, should be repealed immediately upon enactment of an offsetting receipts provision to comply with the requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

**SEC. 56. COOPERATIVE INSTITUTE OF FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHY.**

Establishment.

(a) In recognition of the memorandum of understanding of March 2, 1989, regarding the Cooperative Institute of Fisheries Oceanography (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Institute"), the Institute is established within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in partnership with Duke University and the Consolidated University of North Carolina.

(b) There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce \$525,000 for fiscal year 1992 and \$546,000 for fiscal year 1993, to remain available until expended, for use for activities of the Institute.

(c) Amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (b) may be used for—

(1) administration of the Institute;

(2) research conducted by the Institute; and

(3) preparation of a five-year plan for research and for development of the Institute.

(d) Within one year of the date of the enactment of this section, the Institute shall submit to the Congress and the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere the plan developed pursuant to subsection (c)(3).

## SEC. 57. NATIONAL DEFENSE RESERVE FLEET.

Section 11 of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946 (50 App. U.S.C. 1744) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) READY RESERVE FORCE MANAGEMENT.—

“(1) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—To ensure the readiness of vessels in the Ready Reserve Force component of the National Defense Reserve Fleet, the Secretary of Transportation shall, at a minimum—

“(A) maintain all of the vessels in a manner that will enable each vessel to be activated within a period specified in plans for mobilization of the vessels;

“(B) activate and conduct sea trials on each vessel at least once every twenty-four months;

“(C) maintain in an enhanced activation status those vessels that are scheduled to be activated within 5 days;

“(D) locate those vessels that are scheduled to be activated within 5 days near embarkation ports specified for those vessels; and

“(E) notwithstanding section 2109 of title 46, United States Code, have each vessel inspected by the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to determine if the vessel meets the safety standards that would apply under part B of subtitle II of that title if the vessel were not a public vessel.

“(2) VESSEL MANAGERS.—

“(A) ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTRACT.—A person, including a shipyard, is eligible for a contract for the management of a vessel in the Ready Reserve Force if the Secretary determines, at a minimum, that the person has—

“(i) experience in the operation of commercial-type vessels or public vessels owned by the United States Government; and

“(ii) the management capability necessary to operate, maintain, and activate the vessel at a reasonable price.

“(B) CONTRACT REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall include in each contract for the management of a vessel in the Ready Reserve Force a requirement that each seaman who performs services on

any vessel covered by the contract hold the license or merchant mariner's document that would be required under chapter 71 or chapter 73 of title 46, United States Code, for a seaman performing that service while operating the vessel if the vessel were not a public vessel.”.

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